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Births.

HANDBOROUGH.—June 11, at his residence, Tuhun-tee-gee, South Brisbane, Queensland, by the wife of M. C. Handborough, of a son, Benjamin George, first child.

WATKIN.—June 11, at her residence, Albert-parade, Ashfield, the wife of J. W. Watkin, of a son, stillborn.

Marriages.

ALBION-WATERS.—June 17, at the estate, Glebe, by the Rev. E. M. Schindler, George, son of Elias Waters, of Kinceton, Victoria, and Anna, daughter of Benjamin Waters, of Sydney.

CHESS-BROWNING.—June 21, at St. Peter's, Mount Victoria, George, son of Albert Chess-Browning, eldest daughter of the late James Chess-Browning, of Melbourne, eldest daughter of the late James Chess-Browning, of Melbourne.

GRAHAM-HILTON.—April 12, 1882, by the Rev. Henry Macrae, William, second son of the late William Graham, of Sydney, and Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Hilton, of Crown-street, Paddington, Sydney.

Deaths.

BENNETT.—June 11, at his residence, Waterloo, Alfred Edward, second child son of Thomas Bennett, of Sydney, aged 4 years.

LEWIS.—June 17, at his residence, Palmer-street, the Rev. John McPherson, Lewis, son of Rev. Dr. Lewis, aged 4 years.

MCGOWAN.—June 18, at the Masons' Hall, Sydney, the Rev. Frederick, eldest son of Arthur L. McGowen, aged 4 years.

PERCY.—June 16, at his residence, Bentham-place, Paddington, William Percy, in his 10th year.

SHEPPARD.—June 17, at his residence, Eliza, Cottage, Herford-street, Forest Hill, Jane, Florence, beloved daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Sheppard, aged 5 months.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The Company's Steamships (under contract with the Victorian Government) will leave for the following ports, viz.—

MELBOURNE.—City of Adelaide, to-morrow, Saturday, at 1 p.m.

ADLADELAIE.—City of Adelaide will take cargo for transhipment at Melbourne.

NOUMEA (NEW CALEDONIA).—City of Melbourne, Friday, May 25.

LEVUKA (FIJI).—Cunard, Friday, 26th instant, or immediately after arrival of Pacific Mail.

COQUILLE.—Governor Blackwood, to-morrow, Saturday, at noon.

BUXTON.—Steamer from Brisbane, early.

MARYBOROUGH DIRECT.—Leichhardt, Thursday afternoon, at 4 p.m.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Elizam, (for passengers only), Tuesday afternoon at 4; and Leichhardt, Thursday afternoon, at 4.

BUXTON.—Steamer from Toowong, about 5th instant.

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ELIZAM.—Lady Bowen, from Brisbane, about 8th instant.

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TOWNSVILLE.—Victoria, Monday afternoon, at noon, and Elizam, Tuesday afternoon, at 4.

PORT MELVILLE (ISLAND POINT).—Tuesday afternoon, at 4.

COOTOWEE WHARF.—Elizam, Tuesday afternoon, at 4.

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"Caisson Fever, so called," by Dr. Shewin; and as this is a subject which might be approached by any layman of ordinary intelligence, it seems a matter of regret that it should be simply laid upon the dissecting table and not publicly analysed upon a platform wherein all who chose might look, and listen, and learn. Everybody had a right to know what the doctors had to say upon that subject of caisson fever, as everybody witnessed their popularity when they had the matter in hand; an explanation was due, and is very poorly made by a paper in a professional review. The backbone of the number is the paper on the "Etiology of Typhoid Fever," by Dr. Maclellan, which, by the courtesy of the editor and author, was forwarded to this journal and very widely read, before the magazine had been born. As already stated, there is no denying the possibility of good in a medical gazette. There are many subjects, or it would probably be more accurate to say many methods, of discussion to which its pages are peculiarly adapted, but there is also a danger which should be carefully watched, of not placing what is really good for the multitude within reach of the multitude.

The work of breaking-in horses to town life, and rendering them accustomed to the noise and traffic of the streets, is very necessary, but it is not without its drawbacks. There is much to admire in the skill and daring with which a restive horse is driven up and down one of the principal streets of the city, and the boldness with which such contingencies as kicking and plunging and bolting are regarded by those in charge of the half-trained animals. The one does not like to destroy, even if one cannot participate in the evident enjoyment of the admirers of horseflesh, who daily witness these exhibitions with intense interest, and give free and sometimes forcible expression to their critical opinions. But public morality really demands that these equine displays should be placed under some restriction. Timid people, either on foot, on horseback, or in vehicles, are reluctant to pass an unbroken and restive horse in a public street. The wonder is that serious accidents are not of frequent occurrence. The practice is a dangerous one, and it is the duty of the municipal authorities to see that stablekeepers, in carrying it on, do not become too reckless of the public safety. It is necessary that horses should be trained to become accustomed to the noise and bustle of city traffic, but it is not necessary that the work of breaking-in should be performed in the busiest hours of the day. There are abundant opportunities for stablekeepers to train horses in this way without endangering the safety of other people, and it would be as well if the practice were carried on under stricter municipal control than has hitherto been exercised.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

This Turk has, through the Egyptian embroilie, managed to get a better footing in Egypt than he has had for a long time past, and it is not therefore surprising that he feels somewhat contented, and averse to any interference from outside, for such interference may mean a return of the foreign control of Egyptian finances, which for the present is virtually at an end, and a return also of the thousands of Europeans who have fled the country, and have now started again at Cyprus or Malta. The Sultan, in returning his protest against the conference, is fable and useless one, however—expressed satisfaction at what his special Commissioner, Dervish Pasha, has accomplished. But as that functionary does not accomplish anything, unless it is that he was more successful than Arabi Day in setting the Egyptians and Europeans by the ears, the Turk's board of self-sufficiency is of a somewhat dubious kind.

The match between the Australian team and the county of Yorkshire was resumed and concluded on Wednesday, the result being a victory for the first team eleven by six wickets. Massie and Bannerman continued their innings, and were not separated until the score had been increased to 70 runs, when Massie was caught, having scored 41. Bannerman increased his score to 36, and Murdoch contributed 14.

A SCULLING match between Langan and Pearce, for £500 each, has been arranged to come off on the 10th July.

We are informed by Sir John Robertson that his Excellency the Governor has just received a cablegram from Lord Kimberley, intimating that the Imperial Government had assented to the proposition for the transfer to the colony of all lands in New South Wales over which the Imperial Government has any claim, on condition that the Colonial Government undertake to give up a portion of Dawes Point, and erect thereon a residence for the admiral, together with suitable buildings for a navy yard and stores. Among other lands to be given up by the home authorities are Garden Island, the Commissariat Stores, the Victoria Barracks, lands at Parramatta, Newcastle, Windsor, Liverpool, Bathurst, and other places, estimated to be worth about a million and a half sterling altogether. The official papers connected with this matter will be found in another column.

The mail by the Orient steamer Liguria will close at Sydney to-day.

With reference to the paragraph in yesterday's issue respecting the issue of a list of all lands in the colony which have passed auction sale, and are therefore open sale at the spot price, or conditional purchase, we learn that the list, which consists of 252½ foolscap pages of tabular matter, mostly printed in nonpareil, was produced at the Government Printing Office in the almost unprecedented short space of 13 days. It took only one extra day to get ready and forward, in addition to the ordinary time for the Government, no less than 800 special copies bound and interleaved, so that the land agents and other officials to whom the work will be issued may carefully record all the changes that take place from time to time in their respective districts.

The Government Printer deserves great credit for his expedition in getting out this important document.

We understand that the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Friendly Societies Act has sent in a progress report to the Government, which shows, we believe, that they have held some 52 meetings, and have examined about 33 witnesses, and the leading officers of the various friendly societies. Some of the evidence, we understand, discloses great laxity in the management of several of the societies, and in some instances, indeed, the disclosures are so glaring, that the attention of the Attorney-General has been called to the matter, and it is said to be not improbable that proceedings will be taken against the trustees of one of these societies.

Our obituary notices to-day record the death of the Rev. Dr. McIshen, who for upwards of a quarter of a century has been associated with some of the most important public movements in the colony. He was brought to New South Wales through the influence of the late Rev. Dr. Lang, who was endeavouring to found a local ministry. A college was established here, and among Mr. McIshen's fellow-workers were the Rev. W. Ridley, the late Rev. Mr. Quisie, Mr. Gothe, and Mr. David Blair, a well-known Victorian journalist. Mr. McIshen was ordained after his arrival in the colony, and during Dr. Lang's troubles in connection with the celebrated Berry case he occupied Dr. Lang's pulpit at the Scots Church, Jamison-street. He afterwards separated himself from that connection, and, mainly through the efforts of the late Mr. Thomas Barker, the Presbyterian Church in Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo, was established, and the pastorate accepted by Mr. (afterwards Dr.) McIshen. In the meantime he had graduated at the Sydney University, under its first principal, the late Dr. Wooley, and received his degree of LL.D. He was for over 20 years minister of the Palmer-street church, and was a very prominent member of the Orange organization. He was also a very active worker in the movement which resulted in the union of the two branches of the Presbyterian body, and has always possessed a reputation for moderation and determination in carrying out his conscientious convictions. About thirty years ago he paid a visit to England for the benefit of his health, but never thoroughly recovered from an affection of the heart from which he long suffered. About six months ago he was compelled to retire entirely from his duties, and has latterly been confined to bed. He died last evening, at his residence in Palmer-street, at 8 o'clock.

the age of 54 years. He leaves a widow (who was formerly Miss Penneway, a niece of Dr. Lang) and several sons and daughters, one of the latter being married to the Rev. Mr. Jackson, a Presbyterian minister. A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Orange body is convened for this evening, to make arrangements for the funeral.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, the jury in Williams v. Penneway and another returned a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £50. The trial of Hartnett v. Green was resumed, and had not concluded. In Hartnett v. Prince, an action for breach of contract to accept and pay for 20 tons of hay, the jury could not agree, and were discharged. Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep, judge, had been sitting in Equity yesterday. After disposing of the suit of Greenwood v. Bumpf, and settling the order for the administration of the suit and the distribution of the costs, the case of Walker v. O'Brien and another was proceeded with. The evidence in this important suit is already very voluminous, and it is more probable that it will require all the available hearing days before the question to finish it. Sir William Manning will take the ecclesiastical business, which was set down for Tuesday, this morning, and upon its completion, will proceed with general motions in Equity.

The case in which the Hon. John Lucas, M.L.C., claims £70,945 from the Government, as compensation for the resumption of his property, comprising 1 acre and 1 rood, at Darling Harbour, and for which the Government offered £69,755, was commenced yesterday morning at Darlinghurst, before His Honor Sir James Martin and a jury of 12. Mr. Pilcher and Mr. J. H. Want, instructed by Messrs. Allen and Allen, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Salomons and Mr. C. H. Stephen, for the defendant. Mr. Pilcher delivered the opening address, and the jury left the Court to visit and inspect the property. The rest of the day was occupied with the examination of the plaintiff; his cross examination will begin this morning. With reference to the case in which Messrs. D. and W. Robertson were plaintiffs, and which was settled on Wednesday, the Messrs. Robertson request us to state that, in addition to the £3000 cash, they receive interest on the sum tendered by Government at 6 per cent, and are allowed to remove the whole of the erections and plant from the ground; and they are also permitted to occupy the premises free of charge for another year in addition to the past year.

His Honor the Primary Judge, Sir William Manning, made an important intimation yesterday to funds lying in Court. He said that through an application having been made on behalf of a widow for the Government for the resumption of land, he had found that money under the administration of the Court bore no interest unless invested.

At a meeting of ratemakers held at Summer Hill on Wednesday night for the purpose of forming a committee with a view to the separation of the East Ward from the municipality of Ashfield, Dr. Pocock presided, and 20 ratemakers consented to act on the committee, which is to meet every Wednesday evening. It was agreed by those present that the time had come for Summer Hill to become an independent municipality, but that one of his predecessors had neglected his work, and that there was a deficiency, estimated at about £10. Resolutions were passed to the effect that it was undesirable to involve the council in the expense of a Government special audit, and that it was undesirable to annex the borough, or any portion of it, to the town of Newtown. Votes of thanks were passed to the auditors and to the chairman.

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At a meeting of the Brisbane Diocesan Synod on Thursday last, Mr. King read the following paper re-

the deceased of the late Bishop Barker.—"In your address to this Synod your lordship expressed the hope that we would during the session thereof place on record our great regard and esteem for the memory of the late Primate, Bishop Barker. I have been requested by my friends here to move in this matter, not because of any peculiar fitness of my own for such a duty, or that any poor words of mine could do justice to the merits of such a man; but, having resided for 35 years in Sydney, always in connection with the Church, I have had the privilege of knowing the late Bishop from the time of his arrival in the colony in 1855. I have, therefore, been an eye-witness of the work done by him during that long and eventful period in the history of our colonial Church, though I cannot presume to know one tithe of the good he has done. To him I am deeply indebted for the establishment of the Church Society, and synodical action, the formation of new parishes, the building of churches and schools, as well as the division of the original diocese into so many different episcopates, to the endowment of which he largely contributed from his own income. Out of crude materials, and with at first only small means at his command, he had sought to create a homogeneous whole, bring discordant elements into harmonious working order, and by his singular gentleness, combined with necessary firmness, governed by his administrative wisdom and rare tact the affairs of the Church, the progress and expansion of which during his episcopate must be a subject for thankfulness to all its members. When, then, in the fulness of time his life-long unwearied labours had borne a rich harvest of fruit, there came the summons from on High. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into thy rest.' Rejoicing, as all must do, in his translation to a higher sphere, to the enjoyment of that rest earned by years of self-denying labour and love for his fellow-men, the Church in his late diocese mourns his departure. The Church of England in this diocese has also by the death of the late Primate sustained a loss; his zeal for the good of the Church was not confined to his immediate surroundings, but embraced with largeness the welfare of the Church in this as well as in the other colonies, and his loss has been felt throughout the primacy. I now beg to move that this tribute of regard and esteem for the memory of the late Bishop Barker be placed on record in the minutes of proceedings of this Synod." The motion was seconded by Archdeacon Glenie, and carried.

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OUR VIENNA LETTER.

VIENNA, MAY 1.

We are in the midst of an interesting lawsuit intended to throw some light upon the catastrophe of the 6th of December last, the burning of the Ring Theatre. Three of the accused are persons of note, the Burgo-master of Vienna at the time of the fire, Dr. Nevald, the director of the Ring Theatre, Herr Jauner, and a high functionary of the police, Herr Landstainer. These three, together with four officials and are brigadiers, inspectors, are all accused of negligence, heedlessness, and cruel neglect of their duty. The Mayor of Vienna was to have seen certain new rules, decreed by the magistrates of the town after the great fire at Nizza, enforced, and would thereby have prevented the fire altogether. He defended his behaviour by saying that he had sent the rules to all the theatres, and that to see them enforced was no business of his. The director is accused of having thought of nothing but his profits in the arrangement of the theatre, and of nothing but his personal safety at the time of the fire; that his driving home so soon as he saw the flames burst out of the building was criminal neglect of his duty to protect the public. He defends himself by saying that he spent no expense in providing for the safety of the public; that all his arrangements were first-rate, and that he only left the scene of the disaster when he saw there was no hope. Herr Jauner is a good actor, and you may be very sure that he never played a part so well as that of the assassin before the court of justice. His speech lasted three hours, and ended with a flood of tears, not from the public, but from the director, who considers his behaviour (the loss of his theatre) a greater misfortune than anything else put together. The police inspector is the author of the famous phrase, "All are saved!" which has become a byword in Vienna, and which he tried to deny, as also the fact that he kept people, who tried to get into the theatre to see their relatives, back by force. The other four are accused of much the same offences, and no less than thirty-five witnesses were called to prove the truth of the assertions contained in the impeachment, which are certainly much at variance with everything the gentlemen had to say for themselves. We know at the time of the disaster that the four hundred who were burned to death by no means signified the whole extent of the catastrophe, and what is brought to light by the examination of witnesses proves how true this supposition was. Most of the witnesses called are persons who, besides having been terribly frightened, and some little hurt, did not otherwise suffer from the disaster, but there are some exceptions to the rule. Yesterday, for instance, an apothecary's widow came forward, who was in the theatre during the fire, with her husband, a son, and two daughters. The three women escaped, but both men were turned to death, and one of the daughters is half-crippled since the terrible day. That poor bereaved wife and mother is subject to fainting whenever the fire is mentioned in her hearing, and a chair was placed in court for her, and the President begged the advocate for the defence not to touch her with questions. Another witness was called in vain, his uncle coming forward and informing the Judge that the girl, who was so badly burned at first as not to notice that both her parents were missing, when she found out they had left the theatre, had the next mad, and had to be sent to asylum. Another poor woman has become epileptic, probably from the fright of that terrible night, and the poor thing's mind is so dazed that she did not even apply to the committee for aid, and has been living a wretched misery, because her illness prevents her from following her former calling as seamstress. In a very confused manner still, in the story of a boy of 10 who is staying with her, this boy's mother had been at the theatre with the poor epileptic girl, and was burned to death. His father was in Bosnia at the time, and not a month after the first came the news that he had been shot by the insurgents. Although so many witnesses are called in this interesting case, still there is little of the comic to be observed. The other day, certainly, a young lad, a boy, caused bursts of laughter among the audience with which it was learned that Captain Knight and Mr. McRitchie and their men had got her off the reef into safe quarters, and that, with repairs, she will soon be fit as ever. The company have decided that the Ranelagh shall be docked and repaired in Brisbane, instead of going to Sydney. I believe the marine regulations require that a vessel in the condition of the Ranelagh should be repaired at the first port on her voyage at which there is dock accommodation and appliances sufficient to execute the repairs, and that the Ranelagh could not pass Brisbane without calling in. But as it is, it is a good advertisement for our dock, and it is appreciated at its full value.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

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The American whaler California, Captain Brightman, arrived here on the 29th March, 10 months from New Bedford, having taken 1020 barrels of oil on the way out. The bulk of it is "right whale," taken off the Cape of Good Hope, and a 65-barrel sperm whale captured off the Island the Sunday before arrival.

Our quarterly assemblage of the community was held on the 3rd ultimo in the Courtroom, when matters and things, as is usual, were discussed. The Chief Magistrate, in a rather lengthened address, gave a very dismal account of the financial state of affairs; notwithstanding the almost unprecedented "cut" of oil, the people, he said, were still in arrears with doctors and school fees, and remedies, of course, were proponed. Whaling is and must be the people's only industry; produce will not sell in Auckland at any sort of a remunerative figure, and if grown for the Noumea market carriage is seldom obtainable at the right time. We could, it is true, send a few hundred banches of bananas to Sydney every month where a fair price can be got, but no steamer calls here. Then comes our facilities for shipping are not very good. Next two years ago a petition was sent to the Governor, to be forwarded home, praying for help to lay down moorings, which, however, met with no response. It would be better if we were to consider the fortifying of some of our more westerly neighbours, when, perhaps, something might be done; at present we are nothing. The Island, or at least the correct port, must be of some importance, as by the Postmaster's return 1881 letters and 3256 newspapers were received, and 1760 letters despatched, during the year just passed.

The result of your last intercolonial cricket match reached us by way of Fiji, and was received with much satisfaction by our citizens. On the other hand, the news of the attempted assassination of the Queen, gleaned from a newspaper dropped by a passing vessel, caused quite a profound sensation. A congratulatory address signed by the whole community, goes by this opportunity.

Pasture week passed quietly, and, although the weather was each evening largely and attentively attended, there was no enthusiasm exhibited. The school, too, that erstwhile was, has disappeared, the principals again quietly taking their places in our circle.

On Easter Monday the conquering match between the Melanesian team and our local club was played on the town ground, resulting in a "moral" for the Norfolians, who won in one innings and two runs. Good cricket was displayed on both sides, but the misses were not made for their more proficient neighbours. The Chief Magistrate afterwards entertained both teams at a very creditable spread. On Wednesday evening the Longridge singing class gave a concert to a large and appreciative audience. On Thursday, the 13th May, the autumn exhibition of the Horticultural Society was held at Longridge. The day was all that we were assured that, admitting its importance, it will not be desirable to touch the coolies question as present. Then we hear that an Electoral Redistribution Bill is to be the piece de resistance with which Ministers intend to head the Legislative table; but not so, says another Ministerial authority; the census shows that the political influence of the colonies is well enough arranged, and that it would be only to disturb it just now. I think a Coolie Bill will be brought in and passed, and that the Electoral Distribution Bill will be reserved for another session. Might I also hazard the guess that the Funding Contingent Royal Naval Schools will come to the front in a new form, and not be the last important object upon which Ministers will press for the decision of Parliament? For the rest there will be Water Supply, Mining Railways, Amendment of District Board Bills, Telegraphs Bills, and the many measures every session brought forward to please private members, to mollify opponents, or merely to fit out a programme which nobody expects to be carried out.

We have had from time to time our differences and rivalries with the mighty and sometimes not very considerate A. S. N. Co., but there were few amongst us not very sorry to hear of the ill-fortune which befell the Ranelagh. Sorry for the long-known and well-skinned skipper; sorry for the fine ship, so late an ornament and advantage to the intercolonial trade; ay, and sorry also because of the repulse and discouragement which the loss of such a vessel would be to the awakening enterprise of the old company with whom our interests are so much bound up. In proportion was the satisfaction with which it was learned that Captain Knight and Mr. McRitchie and their men had got her off the reef into safe quarters, and that, with repairs, she will soon be fit as ever. The company have decided that the Ranelagh shall be docked and repaired in Brisbane, instead of going to Sydney. I believe the marine regulations require that a vessel in the condition of the Ranelagh should be repaired at the first port on her voyage at which there is dock accommodation and appliances sufficient to execute the repairs, and that the Ranelagh could not pass Brisbane without calling in. But as it is, it is a good advertisement for our dock, and it is appreciated at its full value.

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NORTH SHORE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I see that a meeting of proprietors in the North Shore is being called for the purpose of getting Government to look into some of their requirements, and I would take the liberty of submitting a few observations on a plan which I have in view. The Comptia has been a great nuisance at a very trifling cost, and an easy method of obtaining enormous quantities of magnesia. Up to this date, at seavage works, the extraction of magnesium principles from seaweed has been carried on by distillation and heating. The chief of the Government Department of Practical Manufacturing Science proposed to precipitate the ammonia in an available form, by the aid of free phosphoric acid and magnesia. M. Schlesinger, in seeking a new method for its production, has adopted a similar process, and has obtained a precipitate by means of lime, and a solution of ammonia. He obtained salt from seaweed, from which he gets a precipitate by means of lime. If this product can be mixed with seaweed it immediately causes the ammonia to appear in the form of a valuable product. The entire series of the above operations is carried out with the greatest convenience, and the results obtained are as follows:

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(TROPICAL RAINFORESTS.)

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For some years past I have been collecting all the available materials for the colony, not only for their value as scientific, though that is very great, but also as data for studying the causes and limits of our rains in the hope that by doing some light might throw up some questions of great practical and scientific importance. At present, time allows me to do little more than to give a few notes on the rainfall of the colony, and to leave the details to those who are more qualified to do so. The rainfall of the colony is not very heavy, and almost confined to the line indicated by Port Macquarie, Armidale, and Walcha, the winds being S.E. The second shows the rainfall from 11th to 19th of October, and the third from 1st to 10th of November. The rainfall in the Bourke district is about 2700 per annum, the winds being very light, and in the Liverpool Plains nothing to speak of. 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THIS FRIENDS of Mr. R. W. NISBET are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved son, James Lester, to be held at his residence, Ocean-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS Friday MORNING, at 9 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery, North Shore. Interment to follow immediately.

WHILE FRIENDS of Mr. NEIL MCDONALD are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved wife, ALEXANDRA, to be held at his residence, No. 107, Harris-street, Sutherland, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, to St. Peter's Church; and Oxford-street, near Crown-square.

THIS FRIENDS of the late Mr. ALFRED E. BENNETT are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to be held at his residence, No. 101, Cleveland, Waterloo, Monday, JUNE 26, at 2 o'clock, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street, opposite Christ Church; and Oxford-street, near Crown-square.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. RICHARD PATRICK are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to be held at his residence, No. 105, Paddington, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis, J. and J. SHIYING & CO., Undertakers, 140, Liverpool-street, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS SHINE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved daughter, Minnie Estelle, to move from the residence, 28, Gloucester-street, Paddington, to the Necropolis, Brother, CORNELIUS BEVAN, to move from his residence, 3, Short-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Friday) AT NOON, to the Necropolis, Waverley Cemetery, J. BEJER, 11, Devonshire-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. FRANK ECCLES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved daughter, Minnie Estelle, to move from the residence, 28, Gloucester-street, off Oxford-street, Mortlake (Saturday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery, H. MASON, Undertaker, 34, Oxford-street, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. RICHARD STEVENS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved son, John, to be held at his residence, 28, Gloucester-street, Mortlake (Saturday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery, H. MASON, Undertaker, 34, Oxford-street, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mrs. MARY KELVIN are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral, to move from her late residence, No. 106, Grosvenor-park, Waterloo, THIS (Friday) AT NOON, to the Necropolis, Waverley Cemetery, J. BEJER, 11, Devonshire-street.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. EDWARD O'CALLAGHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved son, Edward, to move from his residence, 28, Grosvenor-park, Waterloo, THIS (Friday) AT NOON, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street, opposite Christ Church; and Oxford-street, near Crown-square.

THIS FRIENDS of Mr. DAVID GUTHRIE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, to move from his residence, 28, Grosvenor-park, Waterloo, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, to the Necropolis, W. and H. KINSELLA, George-street, opposite Christ Church.

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